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SUBJ: SECURITY AT LONDON MID-EAST CONFERENCE

1. SECRETARY VANCE WILL ARRIVE LONDON ON 17 JULY AND REMAIN UNTIL 20 JULY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON THE MID-EAST. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCHILL HOTEL AND ALL SY PROTECTEES WILL BE LODGED ON SITE. RSO HICKEY HAS BEEN ASKED BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO COORDINATE ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. SECURITY ALL AROUND CONFERENCE SITE WILL BE EXTREMELY HEAVY.

USDEL WILL BE ON 6TH FLOOR OF HOTEL WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION IMMEDIATELY ABOVE ON THE 7TH. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IS ON 5TH FLOOR. ALL VISITING SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO BE ARMED.

PERIMETER OF CHURCHILL WILL BE SURROUNDED BY UNIFORMED OFFICERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION GROUP OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE. ALL THESE OFFICERS ARE ARMED. A RESERVE FORCE OF AT LEAST 100 OFFICERS WILL BE HOUSED AT A POLICE STATION 50 YARDS FROM THE HOTEL AT ALL TIMES.

ONLY TWO DOORS TO THE HOTEL WILL BE USED. EACH DOOR WILL BE SECURED BY SPECIAL BRANCH AND HOTEL SECURITY. ALL HAND BAGGAGE WILL BE SEARCHED AS IT COMES INTO THE
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HOTEL. ONLY REGISTERED GUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR. NAME CHECKS OF ALL GUESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL BRANCH.

THE FLOOR ON WHICH THE SECSTATE WILL RESIDE WILL BE SECURED BY SY AGENTS AND THREE SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS AT ALL TIMES. STAIR WELLS WILL BE SEALED AND SECURED BY UNIFORMED POLICE. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE

ROOM AND STAFF OFFICERS ARE ALSO ON THE 6TH FLOOR, TWO EMBASSY MARINE POSTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED.

WHEN THE SECRETARY MOVES OUTSIDE THE HOTEL, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR SPECIAL BRANCH PROTECTION OFFICERS AND SY AGENTS. HE WILL TRAVEL IN A PARTIALLY ARMORED CADILLAC AND ALL ROUTES WILL BE UNANNOUNCED. MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE HOTEL ARE LIMITED. /

2. CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH ALL APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND WHILE THE SITUATION IN LONDON IS CONSIDERED TO BE A RISK, NO DIRECT THREATS TO ANY OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED. IT IS FELT THAT SOME ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO DISRUPT THE CONFERENCE, BUT THAT DUE TO THE HEAVY SECURITY PRESENCE AT THE HOTEL THAT IT WILL NOT OCCUR AT THAT SITE. NEVERTHELESS, SCOTLAND YARD IS TREATING THIS AS A TERRORIST SITUATION AND HAS SUPPLIED EXTRA POLICE PROTECTION TO ALL POSSIBLE AMERICAN, ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN TARGETS.

IT IS THE OPINION OF RSO LONDON AND SY ADVANCE THAT BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY AT ALL SITES TO BE VISITED BY THE SECRETARY. BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE EMPLOYING SPECIAL OPERATIONS TECHNIQUES PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN FOR ANY SECRETARIAL VISITS.
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